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### Unfortunate for Mackmen That Great Team Should Have Been Broken Up Just When Phillies Were Winning First Pennant

THE fall of the Athletics last year and this season has not worked to the general detriment of baseball in Philadelphia, although the White Elephants have dropped hosts of friends. It particularly was unfortunate for the Mackmen that the great team which once represented the American League here should have been broken up just at the time the Phillies were winning their first pennant.

Philadelphia always has been a National League city. In spite of their long series of defeats in the senior circuit, the Phillies have been favorites here even when Connie Mack was giving the people at Shibe Park the best baseball ever played in the world.

Now that the Athletics have dropped down to a point of unbelievable baseball inefficiency their one-time followers are seeking other places of amusement. When the A's are home, these rosters manage to while away the afternoon hours at some point remote from Shibe Park. When the Phillies are home, these same fans, having become baseball hungry, turn out to see the champions.

As the Athletics were unfortunate in the time of their fall, the Phillies were proportionately lucky, for if Connie Mack had kept his great machine intact, the Phillies would have lost friends instead of gaining them, because of the tight-fisted policy of the present management.

### Change of Scene Does Baseball Players Good

THERE is no doubt about the fact that a change from one club to another does a baseball player a great deal of good. It makes him feel that his efforts are more appreciated whether it is true or not. For example, Ottie Knabe, who was getting stale on the Phillies and with the Feds, has come back to life with the Cubs. His work against Moran's folks has been extremely sensational. Again, take the case of Plank, Bender and Coombs. Although that wonderful trio are veterans, they are performing as well now as they were with Mack in 1914, although some years have been added since then which under ordinary circumstances would have dimmed their hurling light to a noticeable extent.

One of the main reasons why Rube Oldring quit the Athletics was because he felt he was getting stale as a member of the White Elephants team, although he stated at the time his retirement was announced that he was able to play as well as ever. Of course, this does not apply in the case of every individual. If it did Josh Devore would make Ty Cobb or Tris Speaker look like a puny Carthaginian prince beside the ponderous frame of the Roman emperor.

### Nabors' Successors Bumped Hard

A SECOND Western team has paid its respects twice to Shibe Park this season. Detroit paved the way in the second series and made a clean sweep. The St. Louis Browns engaged in a five-game series and walked away with four, the Athletics breaking a long losing streak by taking the third of the series, which was won because the opposition could not hit Joe Bush and score runs.

The Mackmen lost yesterday because the other team was able to hit the offerings of the Mackman twirlers. Nabors pitched five innings and in that time twirled good ball. A base on balls and two bunched hits cost two runs, but he did much better and showed to much better advantage than either of his successors. Sheehan went in in the sixth and was treated none too gently, the Browns slugging him for a single, double and triple, which mixed with a base on balls was responsible for three runs.

Up until the time St. Louis scored their trio of tallies the Mackmen had a chance. The score was 2 to 1 against them, but they were not beaten and fought hard. Wolman was twirling a fine article of ball and when the elongated person is right he is almost unbeatable. Yesterday he had everything and in only two innings was he in trouble. When Mack benched Nabors to make room for a pinch hitter it was then that the game passed away. One inning was enough for Sheehan, and Hasselbacher, the former State College moundsman, was given another try. He allowed only two runs and one hit in three innings, but his control was bad, he issuing three walks and unleashing two wild pitches. His first wild pitch scored a man from third and his second advanced the runner from second to third, from where he scored a moment later on an infield out.

### Catcher Carroll Made Favorable Impression

CARROLL, the recruit Mack found up at Tufts College, broke into the line-up in the seventh inning, when he batted for Meyer. He did not make a hit, but his effort was a long fly to the outfield. He came to bat again in the ninth and on his second trip met the ball squarely, but could not place it in safe territory. Shotton making a long run and snaring his fly. He handled himself well behind the plate and was not nonplussed because he was playing against a big league team.

Carroll was right at ease behind the plate and showed that he had an arm when he threw out a would-be base stealer. One stolen base is charged against him, but it was no fault of Carroll. Hasselbacher pitched one wide of the plate and the youthful catcher was pulled out of position, but recovered quickly and made a beautiful throw to Witt, the ball going low, and with plenty of speed; but the runner had too much of a lead and was safe on a close decision.

Whitey Witt also played a real game at shortstop and suffered none from comparison with his more experienced rival, Lavan, of the Browns. Witt had six chances, one of which was an error on a wide throw, but two were of the spectacular variety. With two down he raced in back of the pitcher, made a one hand pick-up and tossed the runner out, completing a brilliant play. Later he scooped up a grounder back of third, and Sliser, who had rounded the far corner on his way home, was signaled by the coach to get back, but Witt sprinted in and retired the fleet Sliser before he could return to the bag.

### Eddie Mahan Shows Signs of Rockefellerism

EDDIE MAHAN, the famous Harvard plunger and twirler, knows a lot more than hitting the line and curving a horse cuticle. Eddie is a financier. At that he hasn't much on our best major leaguers, meaning Eddie Collins, Speaker, Baker et al. At the same time these men are old at the game of baseball financiering, while Mahan is supposed to know nothing, having merely a college diploma in his pocket.

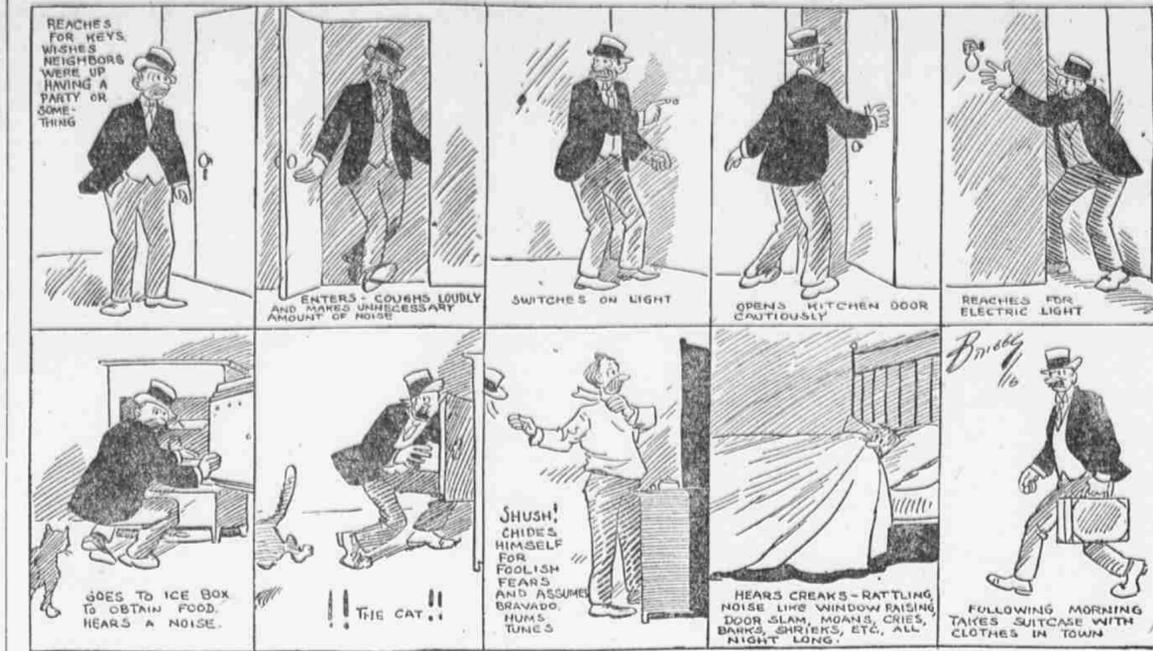
But Mahan has proved that he will not fall for the soft-soaping of a major league baseball magnate. He must be shown a contract that calls for real, clinking money, and lots of it. Mahan was made a comparatively good offer by the Cleveland Club, but he was not looking for "comparatively" good money. He wanted more, and he has gotten it.

Mahan is not a member of a major league club, although that is said to be his ambition. However, until he can command his figure in the large circuit Mahan will continue to play with independent clubs in New England, where at present he is drawing down more than any new collegian in the major leagues. To state that Mahan is getting far more money playing with these unknowns in New England than Connie Mack's youngsters are receiving is putting it mildly.

Development of high-grade tennis players in the Middle West has been on the wane for some time for the reason that playing facilities are poorer in that section than in the East and on the coast. However, Chicago intends to help the situation. Recently a number of wealthy followers of the game started a movement which will give the Northsiders of the Windy City one of the finest tennis plants in the world. When completed this plant will have turf, clay and concrete courts, a sufficient number of which will be under cover to allow devotees of the game to continue play all winter.

Summer schools for the instruction of athletic coaches, and those who are ambitious to become coaches, have been conducted in a number of Western colleges for several years, and now the Eastern colleges have taken up the idea. Dartmouth, Penn State, Columbia and Yale have schools of instruction this year, with their athletic instructors in charge. Yale had the first summer school in the East, followed by Columbia. Dartmouth and Penn State opened schools this summer. Track work, baseball, football, basketball and whatever sports the individual entrant wishes are taught in all these schools.

## MOVIE OF A SUMMER WIDOWER ARRIVING HOME LATE AT NIGHT



## WHITE SOX HAVE STRONGEST COMBINATION ON THE DEFENSE AND OFFENSE, BELIEVES RICE

By GRANTLAND RICE

THERE are some systems that can stand shocks with impunity. Rube Oldring came from the Mackmen in last place to the Yanks in first place with hardly more than a few quivers. Yet the assignment of playing on a ball club that could win often than once a week must have jolted his stout system considerably.

Whether they win a pennant or not, the Yanks are possessors of at least one world's record. They have three left-handed pitchers on the club, and not a one of them is called Rube.

No Record That German submarine which traveled 14 days under hostile warships had nothing on the Athletics. They have traveled under hostile clubs for over two months without the use of a palmtop or a vertoscope. What is more, they are just beginning the undersea trip.

The White Sox Threat Some other club in the American League may land the pennant. But a ball club that has Ray Schalk for a catcher, Russell, Scott, Benz, Wolfang, Cioetta, Russell and Faber for pitchers, Eddie Collins and Buck Weaver on the infield and Joe Jackson and Oscar Felsch in the outfield has the material to win by a fairly safe margin.

The White Sox have the strongest combination on offense and defense, the two essentials of success. Leaving any prejudice or partisan feeling aside, the Old Roman's troop has the best chance in sight to face Brooklyn, Boston or Philadelphia in the next world series. The one detail that may interfere will be for Rube Oldring to turn out the best ball of the campaign for Donovan's club.

Maxims of the 19th Hole He that is short in his temper will be long in his score; he that holdeth his philosophy intact will hole his putts. Verily, there is no golfer ever on his game who doth not play at least six strokes better than he thought to make.

Proverbs of Swat A switch in time may save the nine. A star in the hand is worth two in the bush. To err is human; to Peckinpaugh is divine.

Fair Play, Plus Turn about is supposed to be fair play. From 1903 to 1914 the Giants fed yearly on the succulent flesh of the Braves, Dodgers and Phillies. It was a poor season when they failed to win 14 out of 22 games from each of these clubs.

Now one of the main reasons why the Dodgers, Braves and Phillies are up around the peak is because they have reversed the menu by feeding heavily upon the Giants.

The Duffer Interjects I don't think I'm a coward; My nerves are steady—but I rarely give three cheers when I Come to a three-foot putt. Easy Steve.

Records fail to prove the entire case on a good many occasions. The records fail to show Bob Shawkey as the most valuable pitcher on the Yanks, yet the hard-working right-hander undoubtedly has pitched the best ball of the campaign for Donovan's club.

Regardless of what ball club may win the American League pennant, no team within 10 years has made a braver battle against Fate than Leo Fohl's Cleveland Indians. This club has met all rivals and Misfortune together without losing heart, having shown as fine spirit through the year as any line-up in history. So far as morale goes, Cleveland has enough to fit out two or three average machines.

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### YALE BALL PLAYERS WARNED

Must Not Play on Summer Nine, Even Paying Own Expenses

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 14.—Captain Harry W. Legore and Catcher Munson, of the Yale baseball team, have been warned by the Yale athletic authorities against playing summer baseball.

The men, it is understood, had arranged to play with the Fabian Club in New Hampshire during the summer, paying all of their expenses themselves.

Point Breeze Bike Race Postponed The motor-paced race between Diller, Carman and Wipe, which was scheduled for last night at Point Breeze Motorrome, was postponed until later Thursday night owing to the heavy rain storm which started early in the evening.

The three men with their pacemakers and racing motors were on hand, and were very much disappointed as they were very eager to settle this special match race, the next series of races are scheduled for tomorrow. In the afternoon the amateur motor and bicycle races will be held and in the evening Vincent Madonna, the Italian rider, Alvin Biedel, of Long Island, and Martin Hix, of Newark, will meet in a 40-mile motor-paced race.

### MRS. WILLIAM SCATTERGOOD SWIMS SCHUYLKILL COURSE

First Regiment Pool Representative Covers Five Miles in 3:28

Mrs. William B. Scattergood, of the 1st Regiment Swimming Pool, swam from the bridge at Conshohocken to the breast of Flat Rock Dam, in the Schuylkill River, yesterday afternoon, over the five-mile Marathon route, in 3 hours and 28 minutes, being accompanied in a canoe by her coach, John W. Stevens, and G. L. Garwood, who piloted her over the long course.

It was rather a bad day for swimming, the sun being intensely hot and a sudden squall when opposite the Philadelphia Swimming Club roused up the water to quite an extent that bothered the fair swimmer.

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## COLUMBIA WILL ABANDON ROWING IN COLLEGIATES

### Jim Rice May Go to Cornell to Coach Ithacan Crews

#### LACK OF INTEREST CAUSE

NEW YORK, July 14.—Columbia is to abandon intercollegiate rowing, and Jim Rice, who has been coach of the crews on Morningside Heights for 10 years, will be free to avail himself of one of several offers which he has received during the last year.

These facts became known yesterday, and although neither Francis S. Bangs, for years director of Columbia rowing affairs, nor Morton G. Bogue, graduate director of the crew and chairman of the board of stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association, could be reached for substantiation, it was stated on excellent authority last night that Columbia will not be seen again in the Poughkeepsie regatta until there is a decided change in the attitude of the undergraduates toward the sport. A meeting of the Rowing Club will probably be held shortly to take formal action.

Columbia will withdraw from intercollegiate rowing if the plan of action that has been decided upon is followed and will devote itself to developing rowing as a sport within the university. Jim Rice, who has a contract extending through the season of 1924, will probably go to Cornell. It is known that Cornell has been angling for him for almost a year, and although the rowing authorities at Ithaca have made no open attempt to get him away from Columbia, they have delayed making any definite arrangements for a successor to Charles E. Courtney until they know how the Columbia situation would develop.

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## EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—AND ALL ALONG THE ATHLETICS' BATS, BOB, HAVE BEEN SILENT.

